INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

| Property/District Name: | Trappe Survey District | Survey Num | mber:_T-946 |
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| Documentation on the prop | erty/district is presented | in: Project file, Ma | aryland Inventory |
| form T-946 | | | |
| Prepared by: Rita Suffne | ess (SHA) and Alice Crampto | n (Parsons Engineeri | ng Science) |
| Elizabeth Hannold Reviewer, Office o | f Preservation Services | March 6, 1997 Dat | |
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

| I. | Geographic Region: | |
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| X | Eastern Shore Western Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, |
| | Piedmont | Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| | Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |
| II. | Chronological/Developmental Pe | eriods: |
| X | Paleo-Indian Early Archaic Middle Archaic Late Archaic Early Woodland Middle Woodland Late Woodland/Archaic Contact and Settlement Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transi Industrial/Urban Dominance Modern Period Unknown Period (prehisto | A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Present |
| III. | Prehistoric Period Themes: | IV. Historic Period Themes: |
| | Subsistence Settlement Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaption | Agriculture X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation |
| V. R | esource Type: | |
| | Category: <u>District</u> | |
| | Historic Environment:villa | ide |
| | Historic Function(s) and Use(s | :): _Domestic-single dwelling, Commerce/Trade-store,_ |
| | Religion-religious facility | \$10 miles |
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| | Known Design Source: <u>na</u> | |

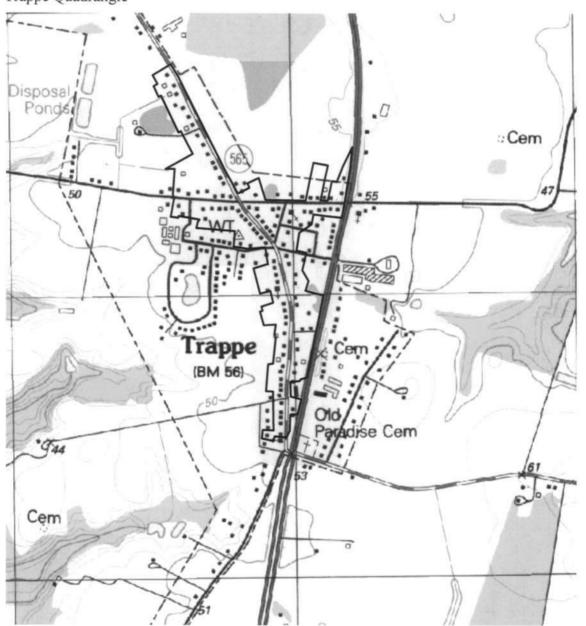
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| 4045 N MAIN S | Noncontributing | 0300 | 1818 | | 3 | |
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| 9449 E MAPLE AVE | Contributing | 0300 | 1827 | | | |
| 9452 E MAPLE AVE | Contributing | 0300 | 1826 | | | |
| 9455 E MAPLE AVE | Contributing | 0300 | 1828 | | | |
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| 9469 E MAPLE AVE | Contributing | 0300 | 1834 | | | |
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| 9313 W MAPLE AVE | Noncontributing | 0300 | 1657 | | | |
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| OWELL AVE | Noncontributing | 0300 | 1804 | | | |
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| POWELL AVE | Noncontributing | 0300 | 1817 | | | |
| 1018 POWELL AVE | Noncontributing | 0300 | 1815 | | | |
| 9412 SLAUGHTER LANE | Noncontributing | 0301 | 1760 | | | |
| SULLIVAN ST | Contributing | 0300 | 1806 | | | |

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Elements: 91 Non-contributing Elements: 4

Trappe is a small town in Talbot County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The survey district lies along Main Street (Maryland Route 565), with some resources situated on cross streets adjacent to Main Street. The approximately 91 contributing resources within the Trappe Survey District represent many of the most popular architectural styles of the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, thus depicting in microcosm the evolution of American architecture during that period.

Trappe Survey District is a cohesive community off Route 50 on the Eastern Shore in Maryland. There are approximately 91 contributing resources and four non-contributing buildings in the district.

Architectural styles include almost every popular nineteenth and early-twentieth century style from the early Georgian and Greek Revival styles of the early nineteenth century to the Craftsman bungaloid styles of the 1920s and 1930s. There are few modern intrusions.

The oldest house in the survey area is Lloyd's Landing (T-124), which dates from ca. 1720. Its one-and-one-half-story main block is laid in English bond. A porch extends entirely across both the north and south facades. Two dormers pierce earliepe of the gable roof. A wing was added to the house in the 1950s that doubled the size of the house.

The majority of the remainder of the buildings in the Trappe Survey District date from the mid- to late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Most of them are of wood-frame construction. The exception is the early-nineteenth century brick house (T-283) that is located at 4011 Main Street. The house is a two-story Federal style with a side-gabled roof. It is three bays wide with an off-center entrance. The entrance has a three-light transom. Windows are nine-over-six double-hung sash. Two dormers pierce the roof in the front slope of the gable.

Greek Revival houses are represented by the side-gable with wing house at 29345 Little Neck Road, the front-gabled house at 29327 Little Neck Road; the front gable with wing house at 3927 Main Street; the side-gabled building at 3915 Main Street, which has an added two-story bay window; the house at 3849 Main Street; the side-gable with wing house at 29469 Maple Avenue, whose entrance is flanked by sidelights and a transom. The Greek Revival house at 29449 Maple Avenue is a two-story, side-gabled building with a rear addition. In an attempt to keep up with changing styles in architecture, the former owners added Victorian gingerbread brackets to each of the veranda roof piers. A modest vernacular building with both Greek Revival and Gothic Revival characteristics is Scott's Methodist Episcopal Church (T-488). Since its construction in 1880, it has been a religious and political center of activity for Trappe's black community. The entrance is a double door with three-light transoms, topped by a modest Greek Revival pediment. The modified Gothic Revival pointed-arch windows are filled with colored glass.

Gothic Revival houses in the town are represented by those at 29310 and 29347 Little

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Trappe Survey District is significant under Criterion C for its architecture. It is a cohesive district whose residential and religious buildings, while modest, represent the gamut of late-eighteenth, nineteenth, and early-twentieth century styles and demonstrate the development of a small agricultural community on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Individually and collectively, the buildings that make up the district retain their integrity.

The town of Trappe is located on the eastern shore of Maryland, in Talbot County, approximately 8 miles south of Easton. In 1652, the county's borders were established on the west by the Eastern Bay, Chesapeake Bay, and the Choptank River (except for Kent land, which was not included in Talbot County until 1695); on the east by Caroline county; on the north by Queen Anne County; and on the south by Dorchester County.

The origin of the name "Trappe" is not readily agreed upon; however, there are three main possibilities: first, a monastery built by French Trappist monks that was rumored to have been in Trappe; second, a popular tavern called Partridge Trap; third, from the numerous fur trapping activities in the area. The town of Trappe is located in the center of the larger geographic Trappe "District," a peninsula that comprised the southern third of the land area of Talbot County. Talbot County is composed of excellent farm land. The Trappe District contains numerous historic farms, many abandoned, yet once very profitable. The farms are located at the numerous mini-peninsulas, or "necks" that make up the eastern, western, and southern borders of the district.

The first settlement in Talbot County occurred after a 1652 treaty with the Susquehannas, which allowed Euro-American habitation of the northern Chesapeake. Talbot County was settled by 1661, created by numerous land grants in the late 1650s and early 1660s. The 3,050-acre land tract that would eventually come to be recognized as the Trappe District was granted to Edward Lloyd by the Lord Proprietary (Lord Baltimore's government) in 1659. Lloyd also received grants elsewhere in the county, and chose to establish his family seat in Wye; therefore, his landholdings in what was to become Trappe were broken up, allowing several other prominent families to establish estates.

The ensuing two decades saw sproadic settlement along waterways in the county. The majority of the settlers were poor English freemen, their numbers peppered with religious issidents from Virginia, and West Indians looking for cheap land. Population remained parse during this period when the most fertile of the land was used for tobacco crops. By the early 1670s, the towns of Wye and Oxford had been designated.

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7.1 Description

characteristics is Scott's Methodist Episcopal Church (T-488). Since its construction in 1880, it has been a religious and political center of activity for Trappe's black community. The entrance is a double door with three-light transoms, topped by a modest Greek Revival triangular pediment. The modified Gothic Revival pointed-arch windows are filled with colored glass.

Gothic Revival houses in the town are represented by those at 29310 and 29347 Little Neck Road; 3810 and 3952 Main Street. The Trappe Methodist Church also displays Gothic Revival characteristics in its steep roof, its tall lancet windows and its pointed-arch entrance.

Victorian buildings of the mid- to late-nineteenth century include two Second Empire houses: the Mansard House (T-281) and the Adams House (T-284); a Queen Anne house at 29324 Little Neck Road and another at 3989 Main Street; and two Folk Victorian houses.

Examples of Colonial Revival may be found at 3872, 3890, 3933, and 4096 Main Street. Examples of early twentieth century Craftsman style are also numerous in Trappe. They may be found at 3998, 4002, 4005, 4136 Main Street, 29439, 29441, and 29464 Maple Avenue.

The buildings retain their integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling.

Non-contributing buildings are the houses located at 3778 and 4001 Main Street, the United States Post Office, and one long apartment building on Main Street.

Continuation Sheet 8.1 Statement of Significance

Between the years 1680 - 1720, Talbot relied on tobacco as its cash crop, which accompanied subsistence farming to provide the county's agricultural base. Talbot County offered plenty of acreage for the soil-exhaustive crop of tobacco; however, a lengthy depression in the tobacco market, coupled with an unsettled frontier, led to the decline of reliance on tobacco. Many of the immigrants who had come to Talbot County had woodrelated craft skills. The demand for hogshead production, as well as work on the barns and homes of settlers, provided stable income to many of the immigrants. Wood-related trades were not terribly expensive, nor time consuming, and could be combined with part-time crop raising to provide a moderate livelihood. Due in large part to the preponderance of wood, as well as maritime access, shipbuilding had its inception as a viable industry in Talbot in the 1690s. One of three major shipyards in Talbot County was located at Island Creek, in the Trappe District. By 1710, two ferries were in operation in the Trappe District, crossing the Choptank River. These were at Barker's Landing (later called Dover), and Chlora's Point. Whereas the town of Trappe is not generally recognized as having been established until the early eighteenth century, the peninsula of land which makes up the Trappe District had many landowners. Henry Alexander was the first to own the land on which the town of Trappe would later develop. Many of the earliest families were Quakers, and established a meeting house at the site of the present day Scotts Methodist Episcopal Church (T-488).

The years between 1720 - 1780 saw a shift from tobacco to wheat as the main crop in Talbot County. Many towns grew up in the vicinity of large plantations, which had been established for tobacco production, the largest of which were Easton, St. Michael's, Oxford, Tilghman, and Trappe. New England, the West Indies, England, and Continental Europe provided markets for the grain. Philadelphia, Glasgow, and London merchants allowed large credits to farmers in Talbot County, to encourage production of both tobacco and wheat simultaneously; however, by the 1780s, the soil was exhausted, and the relatively late shift to wheat occurred. The Talbot County seat was established in 1788 in the town of Easton. These years also saw the development of a town in the nucleus of the broader Trappe District. Unlike the other towns in Talbot County, which developed around the nucleus provided by a railroad station, Trappe developed around a grist mill located at a crossroads on Miles Creek. This mill was known as the Abbott Mill, and later, Wright's Mill. It was built by the Abbott family by 1726, and gradually increased in importance as wheat continued to replace tobacco. By the 1790s, there were several permanent homes, taverns, and stores (including tailors, a silversmith, and a blacksmith) established in the vicinity of the mill, as well as a church and physicians office.

The years between 1780 and 1820 saw slow population growth in Talbot County. Many tenant farmers and laborers emigrated to Baltimore, and further west, where economic opportunity was greater. This emigration was due not only to the depletion of the soil, but to the fact that tobacco had disappeared from the post-revolutionary economy in Talbot County more rapidly than did the county's switch from mixed tobacco and grain to only grain. In 1794, several towns in the county, including Trappe, appear on maps.

Continuation Sheet 8.2 Statement of Significance

Between 1820 and 1870, steamboat operation greatly changed the economy of the county, as the trade of agricultural products, chiefly grain, became much more efficient and reliable. Growth was seen in the production of grain, corn, fruit, and wool during these years. Talbot County became firmly affixed to the economy of Baltimore. By 1843, the major towns of the county (St. Michael's, Oxford, Easton) were accessible by steamer. The town of Trappe was officially incorporated in 1856 by Maryland's General Assembly, and its first Board of Commissioners was named, and granted the power to pass laws and levy taxes. By the time of its incorporation, the town had a post office, school, and four churches.

The other major development in transportation, railroad service, arrived in the county around the year 1868. The Maryland and Delaware Railroad reached Cordova and Woodland Station in 1868, Easton in 1869, and Oxford, the end of the line, in 1871. There was a station, "Melson," and later called "Trappe Station," located in the extreme northern edge of the Trappe District (too far to be economically beneficial to farmers). There was also a station called "Llandaff" established between Trappe Station and Easton, also quite a distance from town. There were not many specialized services offered in the town, largely because there was no central railroad stop or station around which to organized manufactories.

Trappe fell into Union Territory during the beginning of the Civil War, and the town formed the "Trappe Blues" in 1859. The Trappe Blues were the only Talbot County company that served as a unit in the Union Army. Much of the Eastern Shore was divided on "political" issues, and Trappe was no exception; Confederate and Union sentiments were divided, however, Union support prevailed. Trappe residents did not necessarily support slavery, but they could not be classified as abolitionists, either. In 1860, records indicate the Trappe District had an almost equal number of free blacks as slaves. Precautionary sentiments about blacks developed in the community for a time after John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry in 1859, and a vigilante system was implemented. Strict rules were developed and applied to free blacks and slaves alike in Trappe until 1860, when, after no revolt occurred, the vigilante system was dismantled. sentiments of Trappe citizens during the Civil War era was reflected in a special election on February 4, 1861. The vote was on whether or not to steer Maryland down the path of the newly established Confederacy. For Talbot County, two slates of candidates for each the secession and the Union were running. In Trappe, the decision was decidedly pro-Union. even though two thirds of the secessionist delegation were landholders in Trappe.

Continuation Sheet 8.3 Statement of Significance

Growth in steamboat and railroad technology and service led to a more effective transportation network in the years following 1870, which opened new markets for Talbot County's produce, wood products, and seafood. Opportunities to transport perishable products such as fruits and vegetables quickly became available, and a period of prosperity occurred in the late nineteenth century. Indeed, the years between 1880 and 1910 captured the real "Golden Age" of Trappe. Trappe was a viable shopping district for relatively wealthy local agriculturists. By the early twentieth century, Trappe had a creamery, several vegetable canneries (dispersed throughout the district), and 18 stores. There were three blacksmiths and wheelwrights, six churches, a bank, and a library by 1903. Trappe had its own local newspaper from 1873-1902. Whereas the number of established businesses and stores grew, the lack of a central rail stop in the town hindered any growth in the diversification of services provided.

Small towns developed rapidly in the vicinities of crossroads, due to the mobility and accessibility railroad growth provided. Steamboats had established stops, including Kirby's Wharf, and Windy Hill Wharf in the Trappe District. Steamboats declined, and disappeared by 1897, replaced by the railroad. Even though the steamboat had since become obsolete, Trappe Landing had a showboat for the years between 1914 - 1930, which made annual visits to the town to perform, and drew large crowds.

Another "star attraction" Trappe is recognized for is having been the home of baseball great Frank Baker. Baker was born on a farm just south of town, and began his illustrious career in 1905, and went on to hit home runs in the 1911 and 1913 World Series while playing for the Philadelphia Athletics. "Home Run" Baker's career ended when he voluntarily retired from baseball in 1922. He moved back to Trappe to run his farms, at which time he became an active member of the community, holding such positions as Director of the State Bank of Trappe, and a booster for the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company.

Between the years 1910 and 1935, Trappe gained many tools of modernity, including electricity, the telephone, paved streets, improved education (facilitated by the advent of busing in 1917 in Talbot County), and advances in fire protection, the latter having been spurred on by a devastating fire that occurred in 1911 that caused a reported \$35,000 - \$50,000 worth of damage. A mainstay during this period, whose economy had seen hardship long before the stock market crash of 1929, was the growing and harvesting of tomatoes. There were several canneries in the vicinity of Trappe, many of which remained successful through modern times.

By the year 1935, the effects of the loss of farm trade, coupled with the ramifications of having been bypassed by the railroad, were really being felt. There was a tremendous need to bring motor travel through the town, and on October 26, 1935, this wish became a reality with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal opening of the Choptank River Bridge. The upper and lower Eastern Shore were thus linked, and Trappe became a recognized stop on the way to Easton, and thus began the transition of the "sleepy little town" to one now on a main thoroughfare.

Continuation Sheet 8.4 Statement of Significance

Like many towns, World War II effected Trappe in terms of its requirements. Trappe provided men, food, and money to the wartime effort, and suffered as best it could with inflation and shortages. In 1945, Trappe received approval for a public sewer system, winning the town leaders' vote by a very narrow margin. When the townspeople received their vote on the issue, the results were decidedly against sewer installation, due to the tremendous costs associated with the endeavor. This costly upgrade to the town did not occur until after 1960, when the Trappe Town Council adopted a new charter which allowed the issuance of bonds without referendum. Due in part to its largely insular economy, the citizens of Trappe were repeatedly hesitant to "sign off" on any sort of costly town upgrades. This sentiment was repeatedly reflected in issues surrounding the advent of road paving, electricity, and water. The town has gradually lost its historic isolation, and old waterfront farms are now inhabited by outsiders. Farmers produce corn and soybeans; no longer are wheat, livestock, dairy products, or garden products the mainstays. Surviving reminders of how Trappe existed in history is reflected in its architecture, which embodies nearly every type of popular nineteenth century styles, with very few modern intrusions.

Continuation Sheet 8.4 Statement of Significance

Significance Summary:

Trappe Survey District is significant under Criterion C for its architecture. It is a cohesive district whose residential and religious buildings, while modest, represent the gamut of late-eighteenth, nineteenth, and early-twentieth century styles, and demonstrate the development of a small agricultural community on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Individually and collectively, the buildings that make up the district retain their integrity.

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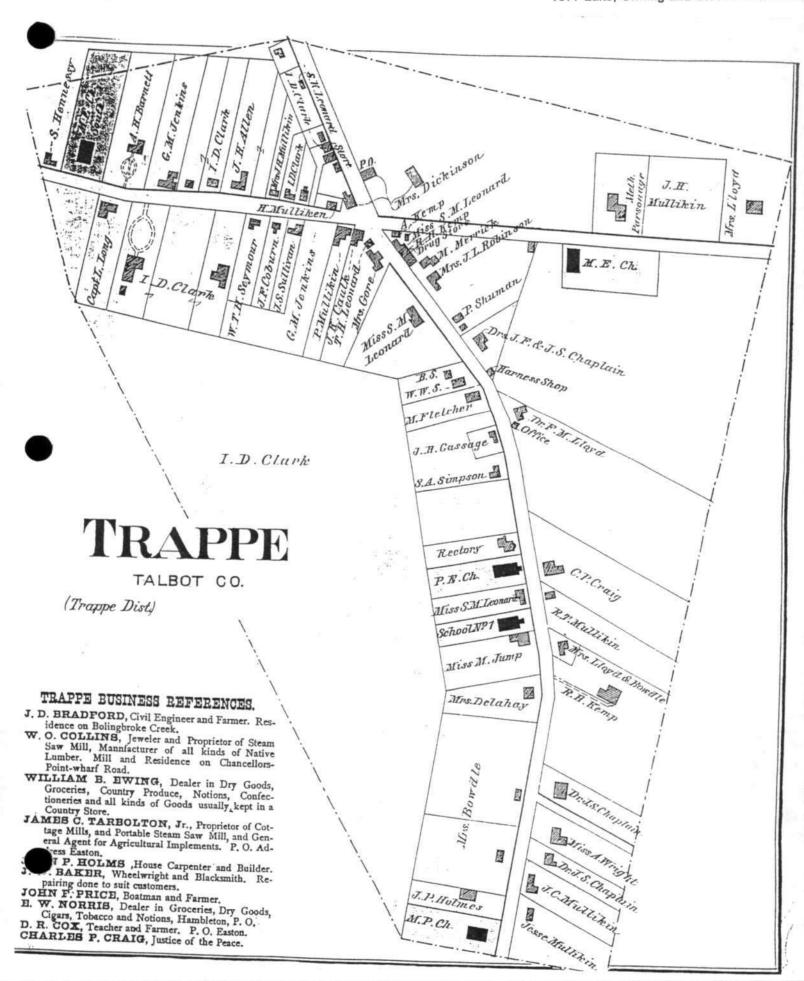
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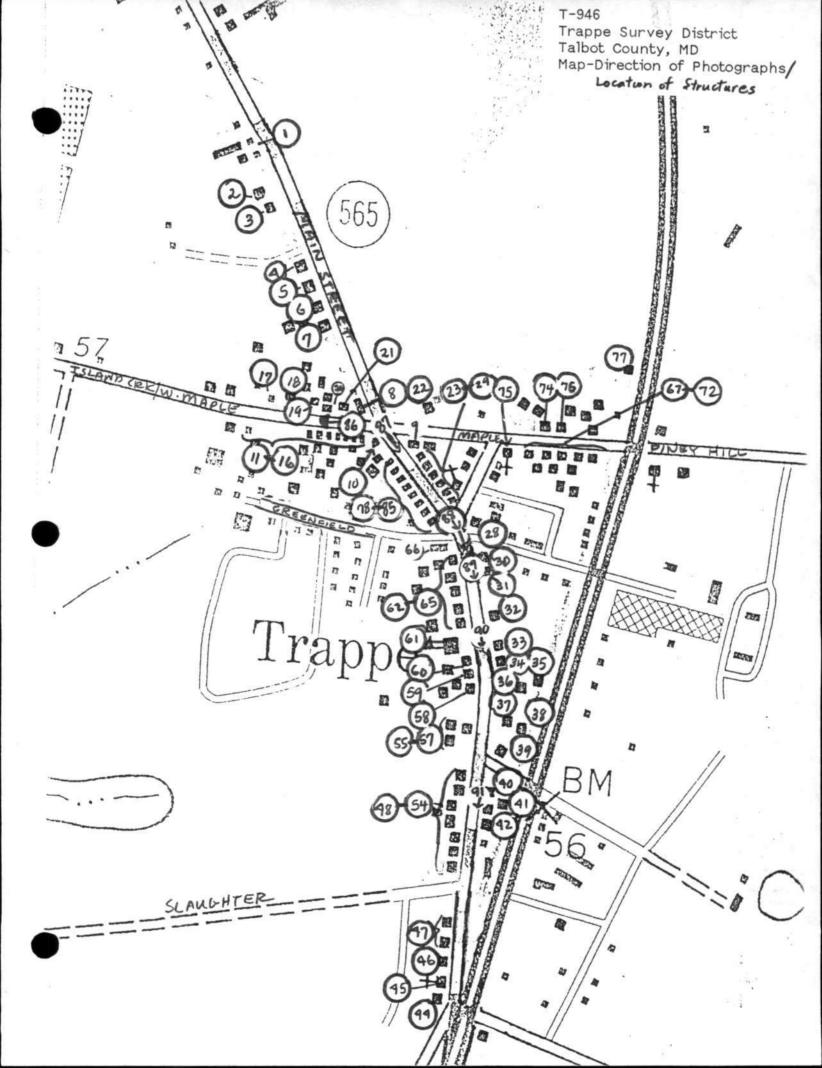
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